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Important: Notification for USTA Colorado Organization Members/Providers

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The USTA Colorado mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis across Colorado. That has been the association's mission since 1955 and our Board's fiduciary duty and obligation is to support that mission.

Tennis experienced the largest growth in decades during the pandemic, with nearly 4 million new and returning individuals playing the game (from 17.6 million to 21.6 million participants). The Intermountain Section (which includes Colorado) had the greatest increase in participation of all 17 USTA Sections over the past 3-year period. Tennis is thriving and USTA Colorado is committed to engaging those new players and providing quality programs and offerings for all players in the year and years to come.

The USTA Colorado Board reviews its blended line policy annually. As part of the review process, the Board conducted a survey in 2021 to gauge the present-day pulse of tennis providers across the state and have objective quantitative figures from which to assess the policy before making a determination for 2022.

The results of the survey and accompanying comments were overwhelmingly in favor of our current policy. Our tennis providers are our number one priority and with the resounding vote in support of our current policy, the USTA Colorado Board of Directors has voted to maintain that policy.

Thus,

For 2022, USTA Colorado will continue to utilize the 'narrow' definition of Blended Lines as set forth in the USTA Handbook of Rules and Regulations ("Friend At Court"). That definition allows for permanent 36' and/or 60' lines in addition to the standard 78' tennis court lines. Only courts with those lines are deemed suitable or approved for sanctioned play (leagues & tournaments). Thus, no additional lines (permanent or temporary) may be on a court to be used for USTA sanctioned play.

The Board of Directors recognize that we represent the U.S. Tennis Association in Colorado and have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of our sport – tennis. One of several goals in making this determination is to provide uniformity and consistency across the state and ensure that those facilities with sanctioned league and tournament play conform to the regulations set forth in the Friend At Court and our adoption of the narrow definition of blended lines.

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